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# News Release

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## Celebrating 10 Years in the Sherwood Civic Building

The Library & City Hall Civic Building is 10 years old and we're having a party to celebrate the community support that made the vision a reality. Join us on Saturday, January 16, for events throughout the day—including a visit from the Cat in the Hat, cake and live steel drums by Northwest Panman.

The Civic Building, designed by Thomas Hacker Architects and built by contractor Howard S. Wright on the former Garrigus Hardware property, cost \$9.8 million and incorporates many sustainable strategies. Funding came primarily from Urban Renewal dollars and sales of city property—including the former Library building, a 3,000 square foot facility behind the Marjorie Stewart Community/Senior Center—and local fundraising. A ground-breaking ceremony was held on January 8, 2005. At that event, then Mayor Mark Cottle was quoted saying, "This building will be the anchor in Old Town. This is a major transition between the old and the new." On December 27, 2005, the Library reopened in the new space and a grand opening was held on January 14, 2006. The new Civic Building was seen as Old Town's "revitalization jewel".

Special thanks to the community leaders who helped to make this happen, including: Mayor Mark Cottle (2001-2005); Mayor Keith Mays (2005-2013); City Councilors Dennis M. Durrell, Sterling Fox, David M. Grant, Dave Heironimus, Linda A. Henderson, Daniel C. King, David Luman and Lee D. Weislogel; Sherwood Urban Renewal Plan Advisory Committee members Patrick Allen, Laurie Bidgood, Jim Fisher, Charles Harbick, Patrick Lucas, James A. Patterson, and C.J. Steinbach; City Manager Ross Schultz; the Library Advisory Board; Friends of the Sherwood Library; Sherwood Library Foundation; Project Manager Jenni Lipscomb; Library Director Ann Chamberlain Roseberry; former Library Manager LaVerne (Will) Kossler; as well as the countless City staff and volunteers who helped with the planning and move.

In the ten years since opening in the new space, the Library has grown:

- Library card holders registered in Sherwood grew from over 9,000 to nearly 12,000—a 32% increase. (Sherwood population in that time grew about 11%.)

- The collection size increased 54% from nearly 32,000 items to 49,000 items. The Library budget has increased 46% in that time.
- Annual circulation increased 41%, now at nearly 370,000 checkouts per year.
- Ten years ago, over 7,000 people attended 211 programs. Today, the Library boasts nearly 500 programs a year with 17,000 people in attendance.
- Library volunteers have increased from 2 volunteers contributing 175 hours per year in 2006 to a team of 41 volunteers contributing over 2,300 hours per year today—increasing our volunteer help 13 fold.
- Library staffing in 2006 was the equivalent of 9 full-time employees (many of whom were part-time). Today, staffing is the equivalent of 10.08 full-time employees.
- In 2006, the Library welcomed nearly 221,000 visits. Today this number has grown 12% to over 248,000 annual visits.

You're invited to the full day celebration Saturday, January 16. The Cat in the Hat will be at a special Dr. Seuss storytime at 10:30 a.m., cake is served at 1:00 p.m., get your picture taken with the Cat in the Hat at 2 p.m., and hear live steel drums by Northwest Panman at 3:30 p.m.



*April, 2005, on the Sherwood Civic Center construction site.*

From all of us at the Library, thank you for being a part of what has made the last 10 years so wonderful. We look forward to celebrating with you. See you at the Library!

Note: All library programs are free to attend and open to the public. See [sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library) for more events, including storytimes, and more. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, email [askusSPL@wccls.org](mailto:askusSPL@wccls.org), or call us at 503-625-6688.

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